## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 157 By Goins

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Irick on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1939, Ralph Irick and Dorothy Monroe were joined in holy matrimony in Middlesboro, Kentucky, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Irick have been highly respected citizens of the Maynardville community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ralph Irick served with probity at the American Clothing Company for 32 years, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dorothy Irick retired from the Palm Beach Company after more than three years of astute service; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced four children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Irick's children are Darrell, Ronnie, Donnie and Glenn; and

WHEREAS, the Iricks are also the proud grandparents of five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for sixty years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Iricks' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Irick on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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